



Waterloo Christian Reformed Church

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The current sermon series is based on the teachings of the prophets in the Old Testament. The prophets' messages can be used to help us reflect on our sin and to see more clearly the mercy of God.

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Welcome and Announcements

We Gather for Worship

Call to Worship

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,
“I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery.”
As we gather here today,
let us worship the Lord,
who continues to be our God
and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.
—based on Exodus 20:1-2

Song of Praise: LUYH #537 – **Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord;
open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love,
as we sing holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
I want to see you.

God's Greeting

We Confess our Sins and Receive Assurance of Forgiveness

Call to Confession

The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:
Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

We express our longing for God's leading
by our own transparent confession.
—based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

***Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon

Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you, you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.
—Isaiah 44:21-22, NRSV

Song: LUYH #53 (vs. 1, 2) – **Song of the Prophets**

- 1 In ages past the mighty Lord
by prophets spoke the Word,
and from their lips God's great design
throughout the earth was heard.
In revelation, parable,
bold fantasy, and dream,
they echoed God's eternal vow
to ransom and redeem.
Isaiah
- 2 A voice cries in the wilderness:
"Prepare a desert way,
where God may pass, bring righteousness,
and rule without delay."
The weak who wait upon the Lord
with eagles' strength shall rise,
imagined blessings of the past
now real before their eyes.

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

God of mercy,
you promised never to break your covenant with us.
Amid all the changing words of our generation,
speak your eternal Word that does not change.

Enable us to respond to your gracious promises
with faithful and obedient lives.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading: **Isaiah 7:1-17**

Concluded with "This is the word of the Lord" and "Thanks be to God"

Sermon: **Lean on Me**

Moment of Silent Meditation

*Take a moment to reflect on what God's word might mean for your life or on a truth that spoke to you.
Please be still until after the pianist concludes this time of silence.*

We Respond with Gratitude

Song of Response: LUYH #327 – **When We Walk With the Lord**

- 1 When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his Word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Refrain
Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus
but to trust and obey.
- 2 But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favor he shows
and the joy he bestows
are for those who will trust and obey. **Refrain**
- 3 Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go—
never fear, only trust and obey. **Refrain**

Prayers of the People (using Chat)

We will conclude this time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer:

***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.***

Offering: **Safe Church Ministry**

Diaconal Prayer

Installation of Office Bearers: Clerk – Andrew White; Education Ministry Leader – Lisa Eelkema; Pastoral Elders – Chantal Huinink, Julie Hunse, Matt Harpster, Nancy Vandermolen; Deacons – Marguerite Jacobson, Wayne Miedema

Song of Response: LUYH #296 – **We are Called**

- 1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.
Refrain
We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.
- 2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. **Refrain**
- 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. **Refrain**

We Are Sent Out with the Spirit

Closing Prayer:

O Creator and Mighty God,
you have promised strength for the weak,
rest for the laborers, light for the way,
grace for the trials, help from above,
unfailing sympathy, undying love.
O Creator and Mighty God,
help us to continue in your promise. Amen.

Closing Song: LUYH# 946 – **Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing;
you are my own.
- 2 Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
at peace and pure.

- 3 Go, my children, fed and nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
joyful and free.

Benediction and Choral "***Amen, Amen, Amen***"

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